Dear Appropriation Committee-

I request the committee <u>oppose</u> section of HB6357 proposing to add the Healthy Foods Initiative as a new CIA funded program.

The CIA is extensively important and was established for land conservation, farmland preservation, historic properties, and affordable housing projects, improving all of our town community's economy and quality of life. Money diverted from the CIA account would severely hinder the CIA goals.

Please fund the Healthy Foods Initiative as a stand-alone line item under the Department of Education budget.

Sue Murray Hartland, CT